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TO PETER RODMAN FOR THE SECRETARY

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SITUATION ROOM FOR SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR COLBY AND ELLSWORTH FROM MACOMBER

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE. I SHARE YOUR OBJECTIVES COMPLETELY AND I DO NOT ALTOGETHER RULE OUT ACHIEVING THEM, AT LEAST IN PART, DOWN THE ROAD.

2. BASED ON OUR LONG ASSOCIATIONS, I HAVE OF COURSE GREATEST RESPECT FOR YOUR INSIGHTS AND JUDGMENTS AS TO HOW TO PLAY SITUATION HERE. THAT IS NOT AN EMPTY REMARK. I MEAN IT. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, I FEEL I AM IN BEST POSITION TO DECIDE TEMPER OF IMMEDIATE SITUATION WE ARE CONFRONTING, EXISTING GOT TOLERANCES, AND BEST TACTICS TO MOVE TOWARDS THESE OBJECTIVES.

3. AS YOU KNOW, I EARLIER HOPED TO PLAY SITUATION HERE MUCH AS YOU ARE SUGGESTING IN REFTTEL, BUT ALTERED MY POSITION ON THE BASIS OF MY ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AS IT UNFOLDED HERE IN THE PAST 24 HOURS. I CONCLUDED, AND CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, THAT TO ATTEMPT TO PURSUE THE COURSE YOU ARE RECOMMENDING IN REFTTEL WOULD SERIOUSLY WEAKEN WHATEVER CHANCE WE HAVE OF ACHIEVING OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES AND MIGHT WELL PROVOKE TURKISH ACTIONS IN CERTAIN GREY AREAS WHERE I THINK FOR THE PRESENT THEY ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO JUST HOW FAR THEY WILL PRESS.

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4. MY ASSESSMENT IS SHARED BY THE COUNTRY TEAM, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY [REDACTED] JUSMMAH COMMANDER, TUSLOG COMMANDER, AND NSA REP.

5. FINALLY, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT I AM SHUTTING DOWN ONLY THOSE HARD-CORE OF ACTIVITIES THAT I AM ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THERE IS NO TURKISH FLEXIBILITY ABOUT AT THIS TIME. AS WE MOVE ALONG, HOWEVER, INTO WHAT INEVITABLY IS GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED PERIOD HERE, OTHER ISSUES ARE CERTAIN TO ARISE, THE PROPER HANDLING OF WHICH I AM LIKELY TO BE FAR LESS CONFIDENT OF THAN I AM IN THIS INSTANCE. I HOPE THEREFORE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS HERE WITH GREAT CARE AND LET

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